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Waste menace

Spot fines fail to stop littering

MCC collects Rs. 5.6 lakh fine in five months, yet no deterrence

The 'Don't Put Waste' banners put up by Mysuru City Corporation at Vivekananda Circle in Kuvempunagar.

Mysuru, May 9 (SPN,MTY,MK&BS)- As the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) steps up efforts to secure a top rank in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, public cooperation in maintaining cleanliness continues to remain poor, with many residents and traders still dumping waste in public places.

Beginning Monday, May 11, the Swachh Survekshan team from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will conduct inspections across the city.

To curb indiscriminate disposal of garbage, the MCC has intensified action against violators by imposing spot fines on households and commercial establishments found littering public spaces. From January to May 8 this year, the Civic Body has collected Rs. 5.63 lakh in penalties.

Despite the crackdown, an MCC official admitted that the measure has had a limited impact on changing public behaviour.

CCTV surveillance

With vacant sites and street corners in residential areas turning into dumping grounds, the MCC identified 36 vulnerable locations across the city and installed CCTV cameras to monitor illegal dumping.

(See LITTERING on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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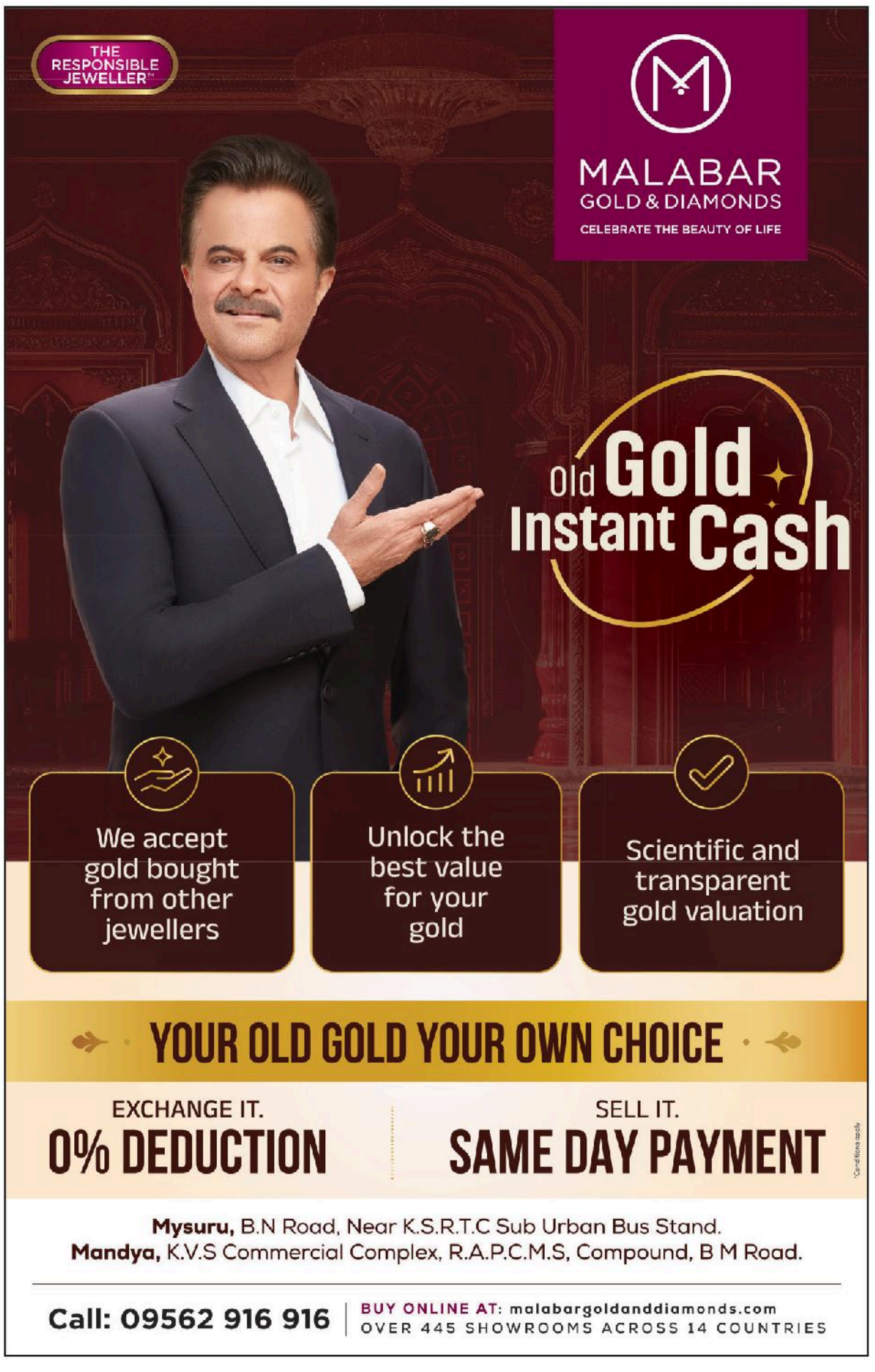
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Mysuru, Saturday 9th May 2026

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IN SEARCH OF THE SELF, BEYOND SELF: ***'Who am I?' is a million-dollar question which is synonymous with the teachings of Bhagwan Ramana. It is the process of self-realisation where we become aware of our own true nature. It becomes clear that we are not this body and mind that we think we are, a process of tracing everything back to the source.***

Bhagwan Ramana Maharshi's quote is apt here — "The thought 'Who am I?' will destroy all other thoughts and like the stick used for stirring the burning pyre, it will itself in the end get destroyed. Then, there will arise self-realisation."

Why is this question even worth a million dollars? It can be reasoned thus: we 'attach' importance to items in this world to tag a commercial value which then becomes an 'attachment.' The assumed importance of I and mine is the summation; then it is worth more than a million. This attachment has strayed us from knowing our true nature.

Bhagwan's another quote may help understand this better: 'After negating all of the above mentioned as "not this" and "not this," awareness, which alone remains — that I am.' We need to inquire into these 'attachments' which have a fleeting existence. This process, termed *neti-neti* ***in Vedanta, suggests 'not this' and helps to compensate for the loss of a million dollars with an awareness of our true nature.***

Back to the original quote, the stick in effect is the constant churning in our inward journey in our *buddhi* ***or intellect, through the process of*** *vichara* ***or inquiry. The mind's final sublation in awareness is termed*** *manonasha* ***in Vedanta, one of the three ingredients for self-realisation, the other two being*** *vaasanakshaya* ***(decimation of past imprints) and*** *tattvajnana* ***(steady knowledge of That).***

The light is at the end of an internal tunnel leading to self-realisation — You are That. By knowing this illumining light, everything else is known then — no need to stay attached or chase anything, inside or outside. A state of equanimity is attained since there is nothing to be chased. The knowledge that dawns is 'That' is our own true nature — also present in everything around us and nothing out there is different from 'That,' in essence.

Oh, what an insightful answer to a million-dollar question, which dissolves itself. A peace engulfing us as 'That' is everything and only bliss, in essence.

—Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Desert lighthouse of Astrakhan

Astrakhan: Driving through the steppes of Russia's Astrakhan region, one of the last things one expects to see is a 20-storey brick lighthouse towering over the arid landscape.

Petrovsky Lighthouse is an architectural anomaly, but one that can easily be explained. In 1741, when Peter the Great of Russia commissioned the lighthouse, the entire area was a part of the Caspian Sea, with islands that housed a port where ships could moor. Originally made out of wood, the lighthouse collapsed during a serious storm and had to be rebuilt. It wasn't until 1876 that the brick lighthouse was erected, equipped with cast-iron staircases and sturdy observation platforms that still exist today. The lighthouse became the home of a small radio station during the 1990s, but ever since it stopped operating as a lighthouse in the 1930s, it has remained closed.

This carrier can carry over 10,000 vehicles

Beijing: Guangzhou Shipyard International recently completed work on the world's largest vehicle-carrying sea vessel, a 230-meter-long and 40-meter-wide metal giant capable of transporting a wide range of vehicles, including electric vehicles, hydrogen-powered vehicles and heavy trucks.

Described as a Pure Car and Truck Carrier (PCTC), the new Glovis Leader had been commissioned by South Korean car manufacturer Hyundai and was completed ahead of schedule by Guangzhou Shipyard International Company Limited.

The new Glovis Leader is 230 meters long and 40 meters wide, with a design draft of 10.5 meters and a cruising speed of 19 knots. It has 14 dedicated vehicle decks capable of accommodating up to 10,800 vehicles, which makes it the largest PCTC ever built.

According to experts, Glovis Leader sets a new benchmark for global seaborne automobile transport.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Helmet & Seatbelt: Your Brain's Best Protection

Most severe brain and spine injuries in emergencies can be prevented with proper helmet and seatbelt use. A small safety habit can prevent lifelong neurological disability.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgeon and Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Surgeon Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

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MGP meeting on May 10

To discuss drinking water issues in apartments, layouts

Mysuru, May 9 (KS) - Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be holding a meeting to discuss lack of drinking water facility to apartments and layouts in city. The meeting will be held at 4 pm on May 10 at MGP Office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri.

Presidents and Secretaries of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), apartments and layouts which are lacking drinking water connections and members of the general public may participate. Participants are requested to come prepared with details of issues faced.

Assistant Executive Engineer of Water Supply & UGD West 1 Sub-Division Mustafa and Assistant Executive Engineer of Water Supply & UGD East 3 Sub-Division S.L. Ravikumar will participate and share VVWW's plans for providing water connections to the affected areas.

For details, contact MGP on Ph: 0821-2515150, according to a press release.

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Yesterday's level **91.41 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,256.25 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.22 feet**
Today's Inflow **51 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **156 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **194 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,478 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **237 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Indira Gandhi (1917-1984), India's first female Prime Minister (1966–1977, 1980-1984) and daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, was a defining figure known as the "Iron Lady of India." She is remembered for her strong leadership during the 1971 war, bank nationalisation, the 1975-77 Emergency and her pivotal role in bolstering India's agricultural (Green Revolution) and nuclear capabilities.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Rajesh, you talk a lot.*
Rajesh: *It's a family tradition.*
Teacher: *What do you mean?*
Rajesh: *Sir, my grandpa was a street hawker, my father is a teacher.*
Teacher: *What about your mother?*
Rajesh: *She is a woman!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 94.45
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VOICE OF THE READER

Cutting 561 trees is an ecological atrocity

Sir,

This refers to the front-page news item titled *"Flyover, Highway Expansion Projects: 561 Trees To Be Axed"* in *Star of Mysore* dated May 5.

As a concerned citizen, I strongly express my objection to the axing of these trees. I urge the Forest Department to protect what is left of our glorious city's flora.

Given the rising temperatures in Mysuru, which have been exacerbated by the serial felling of trees, it would be a significant loss to lose this canopy.

Over the last two decades, I have lived alongside and breathed the purified air of these trees. For the better part of a century, these trees have mitigated climate change, reduced energy costs and improved our well-being at the cost of absolutely nothing.

As educated citizens, we understand the critical need to conserve and preserve our trees, ecosystems and wildlife.

Planting saplings alone is not a panacea for the damage caused by uprooting trees which have matured over hundreds of years.

Felling over 500 trees is an ecological atrocity that affects not only us, but our planet and the millions of symbiotic organisms that live in them. A multitude of species, such as birds, mammals, insects, fungi and other plants, depend on each of these trees for survival.

Ours is a progressive nation and I am proud to belong to a country with constructive views on nature conservation. I am certain that our most creative architects and planners can find eco-friendly and biophilic alternatives to this project.

I urge the Forest Department to consider our objections earnestly.

— Shawana Haneefi

Mysuru
6.5.2026

Disruption in power supply on May 12

Mysuru, May 9 - As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its first quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Chidravalli and 66/11 KV Sindhuvalli Power Distribution Centres, there will be disruption in power supply on May 12 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

66/11 KV Chidravalli Power Distribution Centre: Chidravalli, Ukkalagere, Somananthapura villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

66/11 KV Sindhuvalli Power Distribution Centre: Devirammanahalli, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Naviluru, Sindhuvalli, Kudlapura, Kasuvinahalli villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

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NEWS BRIEFS

KSOU coaching class inauguration

Prof. Ravi

Sathyashree

Bengaluru North University Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.K. Ravi will inaugurate the 45-day K-SET, UGC-NET exams coaching class to be conducted by KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri campus at 11 am on May 12. Mysuru ATI's Joint Director R. Sathyashree will deliver the keynote address. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse will preside. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090.

Musical Nite

Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group will present 'Doddora Dhwani' Musical Nite in commemoration of Thespian Dr. Rajkumar at Town Hall in city at 5 pm tomorrow (May 10). Vijayanagar Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion. Former MLA Balaraj, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Sugama Sangeetha Partishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy and others will be the chief guests.

Pratibha Puraskar

The Mysuru City Gandhinagar Adikarnataka Abhivruddhi Sangha has invited applications from meritorious boy and girl students belonging to Adi Karnataka SC (Right) community and residents of MCC Ward No. 28 (Gandhinagar), who have passed out SSLC and PUC (2025-26) with Distinction/ First Class, for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. The eligible SC Community (Right) students of Gandhinagar can apply, along with the required documents, at the Sangha Office, Samudaya Bhavan, Gandhinagar, before May 30. For more details, contact Mob: 70196-12341 or 97383-20080.

Calling pensioners

The Kannada and Culture Department has asked artists, writers and widow pensioners coming under the Department, to submit life certificates for availing monthly pension. Eligible artists can obtain the prescribed Life Certificate format from the Department Office located in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city and the filled-in forms must be submitted, after getting it attested by a Gazetted Officer, before May 30 (by 5.30 pm). For more details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225, according to a press release from the Department.

Vijayanagar pub murder case

Prime accused arrested, old rivalry motive: Police

Mysuru, May 9 (MK&BCT)- The Vijayanagar Police have arrested five persons, including the prime accused, in connection with the recent murder of techie Nishanth at a pub in Vijayanagar. All the accused have been remanded to Judicial Custody.

Deceased Nishanth

The prime accused has been identified as Rakesh alias Rocky, a rowdy-sheeter from Kumbarakoppal. The other arrested persons are Manoj, another rowdy-sheeter of Hebbal, Vinod of Kumbarakoppal, Prashanth of Abhishek Circle in Vijayanagar and Nithin.

According to the Police, the incident took place on the night of Apr. 19 at a pub in Vijayanagar Second Stage.

Nishanth, who was consuming alcohol at the pub, reportedly objected to the group speaking loudly. Following an argument, the accused allegedly assaulted him and pushed him from the second-floor balcony of the pub, resulting in his death on the spot.

Vijayanagar Police Inspector Suresh Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that CCTV footage and the subsequent investigation revealed that old rivalry was the motive behind the murder.

Police initially detained Manoj, Vinod and Prashanth for questioning. Following further investigation, Rocky and Nithin were traced and arrested. Further investigation is underway.

Labourer held for murder of co-worker

Mysuru, May 9 (MK&BCT)- Udayagiri Police have arrested a 43-year-old construction labourer in connection with the murder of Mohammad Umar (37) in Udayagiri.

Deceased Md. Umar

The accused, identified as Babu, son of Qasim Sab and a native of K.T.J. Nagar in Davanagere, was residing in a rented room at Kyathamaranahalli.

According to the Police, Babu and Umar, a resident of Ghousianagar, worked together as construction labourers. After work, the two consumed alcohol regularly and often slept outside bars. Umar was said to be addicted to alcohol and frequently demanded money from Babu.

On the morning of May 5, Umar again reportedly asked Babu for money, leading to a heated argument between the two. In a fit of rage, Babu allegedly picked up a paving stone lying nearby and smashed Umar on the head, killing him on the spot.

Udayagiri Police Station officers said that the accused has been taken into custody and further investigation is in progress.

Woman missing after taking money for hubby's treatment

Mysuru, May 9 (SPN&BCT)- A 28-year-old homemaker has gone missing from Brindavan Layout under the jurisdiction of V.V. Puram Police Station after reportedly borrowing Rs. 20,000 from her mother-in-law for her husband's medical treatment.

H.R. Nandini

The missing woman has been identified as H.R. Nandini, wife of Ajay Kumar and daughter of Ravi. A native of Virajpet in Kodagu district, Nandini married Ajay Kumar in 2016.

According to the complaint, Nandini had admitted her husband, who is suffering from a stroke, to the Government Ayurvedic Hospital in Brindavan Layout on Apr. 16. She later borrowed Rs. 20,000 from her mother-in-law, Lakshmamma, towards treatment expenses.

Later the same day, Nandini left the hospital on a TVS Jupiter scooter bearing registration number KA-55-ED-6334, saying she would return shortly. However, she did not return and has remained untraceable since.

V.V. Puram Police have registered a missing person case and have appealed to the public for information. Anyone with details is requested to call the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418314 or Mob: 94808-02238.

IPL Betting: Five arrested

Mysuru, May 9 (MK&VNS)- In two separate cases, Mysuru City Police have arrested five people allegedly involved in IPL cricket betting.

In the first case, Devaraja Police arrested three persons while they were allegedly involved in betting during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) match on May 7 at the parking area located behind Town Hall.

The arrested have been identified as Sanjay Kumar, 33, a resident of Mandi Mohalla; P.P. Vinod, 32, a resident of Yelwal and Likhith Kumar, 27, a resident of Paduvarahalli.

The Police have recovered three mobile phones, a Mercedes Benz car and Rs. 15,900 cash. A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

In another case, Hebbal Police arrested two persons also involved in IPL betting on May 7 during the RCB and LSG match.

Acting on a tip-off, the Police conducted a raid on a room located at the third floor of MSR Hotel and found the accused illegally running online betting racket and arrested M. Pradeep, 30, a resident of R.S. Naidu Nagar and H.S. Praful Arya, 21, a resident of Hebbal.

The Police have also recovered a laptop and three mobile phones from the accused.

Search on for missing CISF Asst. Sub-Inspector

Mysuru, May 9 (BCT)- Metagalli Police are investigating the disappearance of Krishnappa (59), Assistant Sub-Inspector of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), who has been missing since May 5 from the bachelor quarters of the Central Industrial Security Force unit at Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL).

Krishnappa

According to reports, Krishnappa left the premises through Gate No. 1 at around 7 pm on May 5 and has not returned since then.

Despite extensive searches conducted by Central Industrial Security Force personnel, his whereabouts remain unknown.

Krishnappa was scheduled to retire from service on May 31.

He is about 5.8 feet tall and was last seen wearing black trousers and a pink T-shirt.

Police have appealed to the public to share any information regarding the missing officer.

Those with details may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police Department.

Obituary

Shylaja Ramakrishna

Mysuru, May 9- Shylaja Ramakrishna (76), Founder-President of RGHS Foundation, Shylaja Ramakrishna Charitable Trust and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

After her husband and children passed away, Shylaja, along with her friends, formed the Foundation and worked for the welfare of tribals and development of Government Schools at tribal hamlets in Nagarahole to provide education to tribal children. She was well-known as 'Amma' among tribal children.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this morning.

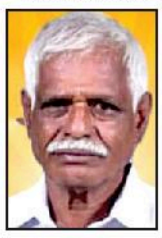
A. Ananthanarayana

A. Ananthanarayana (96), a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city this noon.

Ramakrishnegowda



Ramakrishnegowda (74), a former Gram Panchayat (GP) Member and a resident of Gunghral Chhatra in Yelwal hobli of the taluk, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmamma, two sons, a daughter, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farmland this afternoon.

Suvendu Adhikari sworn-in as West Bengal Chief Minister

Becomes first BJP CM since independence

Kolkata, May 9 (Agencies) - Leader of BJP Legislature Party Suvendu Adhikari was sworn-in as the 9th Chief Minister of West Bengal at a grand ceremony held at Brigade Parade Ground here this morning.

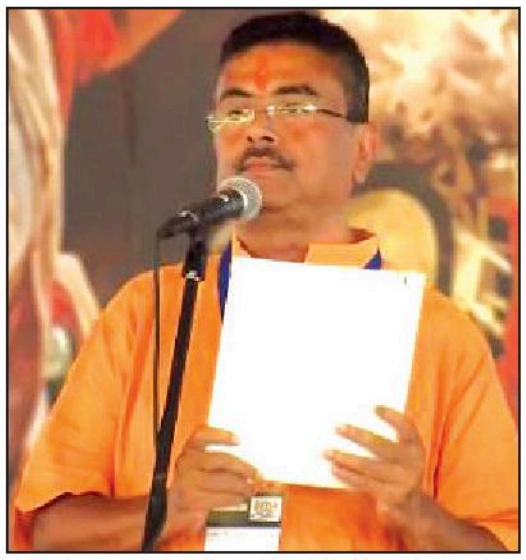
West Bengal Governor R.N. Ravi administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to 55-year-old Suvendu Adhikari in the presence of a large crowd, who had travelled from across the State to witness the first-ever BJP Chief Minister being sworn-in since 79 years of independence.

Following the swearing-in of Suvendu Adhikari, BJP MLAs Dilip Gosh, Agnimithra Paul, Ashok Kirtania, Kshudiram Tudu and Nisith Pramanik were also sworn-in as Cabinet Ministers.

Prime Minister Narendra, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP National President Nitin Nabin, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adiyanath, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Assam CM-designate Himanta Biswa Sarma and Chief Ministers of all other NDA-ruled States, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda and other Central Ministers, former Union Minister Smriti Irani and actor Mithun Chakraborty were present on the occasion.

Earlier, on his arrival to the Brigade Parade Ground, PM Modi along with Suvendu Adhikari and West Bengal BJP State President Samik Bhattacharya were taken on a procession in an open vehicle till the massive stage erected for swearing-in ceremony. Once at the stage, both PM Modi and Suvendu Adhikari offered floral tributes to the portrait of Rabindranath Tagore, as today also marks the 165th birth anniversary of the great Nobel Laureate.

PM Modi also took the blessings of 90-year-old senior-most BJP worker Makan Lal Sarkar.



BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari taking the Oath of Office as the Chief Minister of West Bengal during the swearing-in ceremony held at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata this morning.

Suvendu Adhikari, son of former Union Minister Sisir Adhikari, began his political career in the Congress student wing. He later joined the Trinamool Congress and was one of Mamata Banerjee's most trusted persons. He quit Trinamool Congress in 2020 following a rift with Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee and joined the BJP to grow as one of Mamata's strongest opponents.

He defeated Mamata Banerjee from Nandigram Assembly Constituency during the 2021 Assembly polls and again from Bhabanipur Constituency by a margin of 15,105 votes in the 2026 Assembly polls in which BJP won a massive 207 seats out of 294 seats while Trinamool Congress was reduced to 80 seats.

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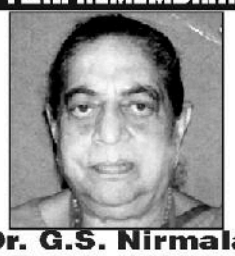

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Lalitha Mahal lease process delayed

Bidding firms seek easing of stringent conditions; annual 10 percent hike clause draws objections

Mysuru, May 9 (BLU&BCT)- The process of handing over the iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel to private operators has been delayed after the State Government extended the deadline for submitting tenders for the renovation and management of the heritage property.

The century-old hotel, currently managed by Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), is operating profitably. However, the Government has cited the urgent need for large-scale restoration works estimated at over Rs. 50 crore, along with long-term maintenance challenges, as the key reasons for inviting private participation.

Built in 1921 by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Lalitha Mahal Palace has shown visible signs of deterioration in recent years. Peeling plaster and water stagnation on the terrace during monsoon have highlighted the need for immediate conservation measures.

Considering the scale of investment required and the challenges involved in maintaining the sprawling heritage property, the Government decided to lease the hotel to a private operator for 30 years. The selected company will be responsible for undertaking restoration works and managing hotel operations.

Bidders seek relaxation

A global tender was floated through the State e-Procurement portal, with the last date for submission initially fixed for Apr. 30. The deadline has now been extended following requests from companies seeking relaxation and clarification on several conditions in the tender document.

According to sources, many firms that have either submitted bids or are preparing to participate have expressed concerns over what they describe as stringent financial conditions. They have urged the Government to ease certain norms to make the project commercially viable.

Under the tender conditions, the successful bidder must first undertake restoration of the Palace under the supervision and guidance of a Government-appointed expert committee to ensure that the heritage character of the building is preserved.

"Bidders have requested relaxation of certain conditions and exemptions from the steep annual payments. These appeals will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting of Jungle Lodges and Resorts, where a final decision will be taken. The new deadline will also be fixed during the board meeting."

–Prashanth, MD, Jungle Lodges and Resorts, Bengaluru

Payment, increment factor

The tender value has been fixed at Rs. 3.76 crore, while earnest money deposit (EMD) has been set at Rs. 25 lakh. In addition, selected operator must pay State Government Rs. 4 crore annually as the lease amount, with a mandatory 10 percent increase every year throughout the 30-year lease period.

This means the annual payment would rise to Rs. 4.40 crore in the second year, Rs. 4.84 crore in the third year and continue increasing progressively throughout the lease tenure.

Bidders have reportedly conveyed to JLR Managing Director Prashanth that the financial burden could become unsustainable. According to them, investing nearly Rs. 50 crore upfront for restoration, coupled with steadily escalating annual lease payments, could make the project economically unviable.

Despite these concerns, private hospitality companies continue to view the opportunity to manage the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel as highly prestigious. Modelled on London's St. Paul's Cathedral and known for its striking white façade and Royal architecture, the Palace remains one of Mysuru's most recognisable heritage landmarks.

Revenue fluctuations

Industry players point out that the hotel depends largely on foreign tourists rather than domestic visitors, making revenues vulnerable to fluctuations in international tourist arrivals.

They argue that if overseas tourist inflow declines, meeting the annual payment obligations to the Government would become difficult.

Against this backdrop, bidders have sought exemptions or revisions to the annual Rs. 4 crore payment and the mandatory 10 percent yearly escalation.

The extension of the tender deadline is understood to have been granted to examine these requests and provide greater clarity on the conditions.

Meanwhile, heritage experts have cautioned that the renovation must be handled with utmost care.

Eight firms express interest

As many as eight firms responded when Expressions of Interest (EoI) were invited, signalling strong competition for the heritage property. Following this, the Government moved to the tender stage.

Several companies have already submitted bids, each accompanied by an earnest money deposit of Rs. 25 lakh.

However, under the global tender process conducted through the e-Procurement portal, the identities and number of bidders will remain confidential until the tender process concludes and the bids are officially opened.

Swachh Survekshan team to arrive in city on May 11

Mysuru, May 9 (MK&BCT)- Mysuru city is once again gearing up to reclaim its title as the 'Cleanest City' in India. From Monday, May 11, a Swachh Survekshan team from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will begin inspections across the city.

Determined to improve upon last year's third-place ranking, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has introduced several new initiatives and intensified its cleanliness drive.

Since the launch of the Swachh Survekshan programme in 2014, the MCC has received grants worth Rs. 65 crore till 2021 and an additional Rs. 30 crore thereafter, MCC Environmental Executive Engineer Mrutyunjaya told *Star of Mysore*.

As part of its preparations, the MCC has strengthened dry waste management and processing systems, identified dedicated sites for disposal of construction debris and improved waste collection and transportation mechanisms.

Awareness campaigns are also being conducted through wall paintings, essay competitions, marathons, roadshows and posters. Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been entrusted with maintaining parks, while CCTV cameras and a dedicated command centre are being used to monitor littering and illegal waste disposal.

Night sweeping operations are being carried out using five vehicles, while 14 vehicles have been deployed to collect commercial waste daily between 2 pm and 11 pm from Devaraja Market, D.D. Urs Road and major food hubs.

Swachhata Ambassadors are actively spreading awareness through social media campaigns and online voting initiatives.

Spot fines fail to stop littering

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Abhaya personnel and Pourakarmikas have also been deployed as night watchmen to keep a vigil on offenders.

Violators are being fined between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000. Yet, officials say the problem of public waste disposal continues unabated in several areas.

Poster campaign and beautification drive

As part of awareness efforts, the MCC has launched a poster campaign in localities such as Kuvempunagar, Saraswathipuram, Ramakrishnanagar, Vidyaranyapuram, Sharadadevinagar and Nazarbad.

Posters/ banners carrying warnings such as 'Don't Put Waste' and cautioning that violators would face a Rs. 1,000 fine have been put up at several places. Officials said, the initiative has shown some positive results.

The Civic Body has also undertaken beautification of garbage-prone spots by cleaning the areas, installing stone benches, drawing colourful rangolis and restricting access using barricade tapes to discourage littering.

Throw waste… and go to hell!

In what appears to be a desperate attempt by a frustrated resident to curb indiscriminate dumping of garbage, a warning board has been put up on the footpath adjacent to Sri Chandramouleshwara Swamy Temple at K.G. Koppal, on the road leading to Kamakshi Hospital.

The board, carrying strongly worded messages in Kannada, is flanked by images of a funeral pyre and a flower-decked burial site. The message warns residents against throwing waste in the area and uses sarcastic and provocative language to shame violators.

The Kannada text roughly translates to: "Residents should not dump waste here. Garbage is needed to burn your mortal remains and your last rites will also be performed here with the same waste. Heartfelt condolences. Those who throw waste here will directly go to hell."

The unusual board has drawn the attention of passersby and has become a talking point in the locality.

Green cover vanishes as concrete jungle expands

Mysuru, May 9 (VNS)- As Mysuru city continues to urbanise with a growing number of concrete structures, the trees that once enhanced the city's beauty are rapidly disappearing.

While authorities are felling trees in the name of development projects, owners of commercial buildings are also cutting down trees standing in front of their properties.

According to residents, many building owners are removing trees because they obstruct the visibility of commercial complexes and signboards.

Environmentalists, who have been actively protesting against tree-felling for flyovers and elevated corridor projects, are said to be paying little attention to such instances, citizens alleged.

The Forest Department rules mandate that permission must be obtained by people before felling even old trees.

Officials are required to inspect the site and grant approval only if the tree needs to be removed.

However, residents claim that the Forest Department rules are often ignored by influential individuals, who continue to cut down trees at will.

Concerned citizens have urged the Forest Department to take immediate measures to curb illegal tree-felling and initiate action against those responsible.

Hootagalli CMC offers 5% rebate on early property tax payment

Mysuru, May 9 (BCT)- Property owners and occupants within the limits of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) have been urged to pay their property tax for the 2026-27 financial year.

According to the Commissioner of Hootagalli CMC, a 5 percent rebate will be offered to those who clear the full tax amount between May 1 and May 31.

Payments made during June 2026 will neither attract a penalty nor qualify for the rebate.

However, from July 2026 onwards, a penalty of 2 percent per month will be levied on the original tax amount for delayed payments.

From July 2026, a penalty of 2% per month will be levied

According to a Government circular dated Mar. 17, 2025, citizens can also apply for account creation under the e-Khata system by paying the prescribed fee at KarnatakaOne Centres, as notified by the Directorate of Municipal Administration.

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Cleft lip, palate deformities

'Organisations should join hands with Govt. to address deformity among kids'

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao inaugurates 'INDOCLEFTCON-2026' at AIISH in city

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao** (second from right) **inaugurating the 3-day 24th 'INDOCLEFTCON-2026' organised by All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), in association with Indian Society of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies (ISCLPCA), at AIISH's Knowledge Park auditorium in city on Thursday, as AIISH Director & ISCLPCA President Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Smile Train India's South Asia Area Director Dr. Renu Mehta, ISCLPCA Secretary Dr. Pritham N. Shetty and Dr. R. Gopi Shankar of AIISH look on.

Mysuru, May 9 (MK&BS)- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has said, the Government is providing all possible facilities to extend timely treatment to children having cleft lip and cleft palate deformities.

He was speaking after inaugurating three-day 24th annual conference 'INDOCLEFTCON-2026' organised by All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), in association with Indian Society Of Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies (ISCLPCA), at the Knowledge Park auditorium in AIISH here on Thursday.

Due to lack of awareness and untimely treatment for cleft lip and cleft palate, children develop such deformities by birth. If gone unnoticed without any proper diagnosis with expert assistance, the children would have to severely suffer in the coming days.

There is a need to create extensive awareness about cleft lip and cleft palate among the people at rural parts and small towns. The volunteers of Health and Family Welfare Department, who visit households, should identify such children and guide them to avail better treatment, said Rao.

Asserting that one time surgery is least helpful in addressing the issues related to cleft lip, Rao said, instead, it is better advised to follow a comprehensive treatment method with multiple surgeries until the natural form is obtained. Most importantly, combined expertise of surgeons, orthodontists and speech therapists, will contribute to the growth of the children on normal course, he advised. The Govt. has been working in association with Smile Train India for the past 20 years and the latter has so far conducted over 7 lakh surgeries in the country alone, which is no mere achievement indeed, said Rao.

In the recently held workshop, over 30 young surgeons have been imparted practical training in 'Alveolar Bone Grafting (ABG)' surgery, with the sole intention of expanding the service, said Rao, who exuded confidence of reaching even the underprivileged communities in reaping the benefits of comprehensive treatment method. Calling for the coordination of the Government and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to effective cure cleft lip and cleft palate, Rao said, the quality of treatment can be enhanced by using new researches, modern surgical methods and latest equipment.

AIISH Director & ISCLPCA President Prof. M. Pushpavathi, ISCLPCA Secretary Dr. Pritham N. Shetty, Smile Train South Asia Area Director Dr. Renu Mehta & Dr. R. Gopi Shankarwere present.

Cabinet clears 600-bed upgrade to Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru

Interactive digital exhibits at Mysuru Zoo under Rs. 80 crore modernisation initiative

Bengaluru, May 9 (KMS&BCT)- Mysuru's Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research is set for a major expansion, with the State Cabinet approving an increase in bed capacity from 400 to 600. The project has received administrative clearance at an estimated cost of Rs. 180 crore.

In April this year, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Director Dr. B. Dinesh had said that work on the expansion would begin once the Government Order was issued. With the Cabinet now clearing the proposal, the expansion is expected to commence shortly.

"The State Government has allocated Rs. 180 crore for the expansion of the Mysuru facility by adding 200 beds. We expect the works to begin at the earliest and aim to make the new facility operational within 24 months. We are also planning to add 25 more beds during the expansion," Dr. Dinesh had said.

He noted that the expanded facility would benefit not only Mysuru residents but also patients from neighbouring districts such as Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu, as well as those from adjoining States.

The hospital is also planning to establish a dedicated Paediatric Block equipped with facilities to perform surgeries on newborn babies.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet has approved technology-driven visitor experience projects at Bengaluru's Bannerghatta Biological Park and Mysuru's Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), at a cost of Rs. 80 crore.

The initiative will feature interactive digital panels, sensory installations, LED screens and story-based wildlife exhibits aimed at enhancing visitor engagement and promoting wildlife conservation awareness.

The Cabinet also sanctioned the third phase of development works at Kukke Subramanya Temple in Dakshina Kannada district at an estimated cost of Rs. 604.65 crore. Development works at Ghati Subrahmanya Temple in Doddaballapura were approved at Rs. 23.76 crore.

In Raichur district, the Government cleared a Rs. 132.50 crore project to supply drinking water to the Hutti Gold Mines township from the Basavasagar Reservoir.

'Palliative Care Unit' planned Statewide: Health Minister

Bengaluru, May 9 (BS)- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao inaugurated Palliative Care Unit at K.C. General Hospital in Malleswaram here on May 5.

The unit will be operated by Saranam India, a non-profit organisation, which is aimed at catering to those patients who are not responding to treatment and suffering from inexplicable pain and mental stress.

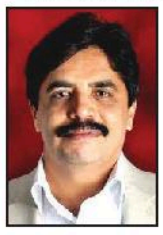
Speaking after inaugurating the facility, Rao said, while such units are opened at four to five places in the city, it will be opened across the State in the coming days. The unit includes expert team attending to out-patients and in-patients, day care department, besides having a Mobile Unit to attend to those residing within 5 to 8 km of the hospital. The training will also be imparted on handling patients.

Palliative Care Unit at K.C. General Hospital has a five-bed ward, which is considered unique, as it would cater to those counting their last days, suffering from cancer, kidney failure and other ailments.

The unit is also beneficial to those having respiratory related ailments, neuro related diseases, mental uneasiness and other health issues. The family members of the patients will also be trained with methods to care them at home.

UoM to move Guv for action against Syndicate Member

Mysuru, May 9 (BS)- Following a series of allegations made by Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar, Syndicate Member of the University of Mysore, against the University administration, the Syndicate, at its third general meeting held recently, resolved to submit a report to the Governor and seek action against him within the ambit of law.



Dr. Chandrashekar

In a press release, the University Registrar stated that members of the Syndicate strongly condemned the allegations made by Chandrashekar regarding the administration, tender process and financial matters of the University.

The release said the allegations were baseless and that Chandrashekar had approached the media and social media platforms without seeking clarification from the University authorities on important issues.

According to the Registrar, such allegations tarnish the image of the University and involve misuse of the institution's name and official logo. The statement further noted that the allegations were creating confusion among the public and students.

The Registrar also clarified that Dr. Chandrashekar is not an executive authority of the University and that the views expressed by him cannot be treated as the official stand of the University.

Action against me lacks legal sanctity: Dr. Chandrashekar

Registrar on leave; VC, Finance Officer misused office, alleges Syndicate Member

Mysuru, May 9 (BS)- Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar, Syndicate Member of the University of Mysore, has levelled fresh allegations against Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and Finance Officer M.J. Manjunath, accusing them of misusing the office of Registrar M.K. Savitha, who is currently on leave.

Reacting to the developments at the recent Syndicate meeting, where it was decided to approach the Governor seeking action against him within the ambit of law, Chandrashekar alleged that the Vice-Chancellor and the Finance Officer, who is currently in charge of the Registrar's office, had no legal authority to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him.

"Having been appointed by the Governor as a Syndicate Member, I am discharging my duties to protect the University's assets, public money and the interests of students. I have already made public, along with supporting documents, how tenders worth crores of rupees were floated without legal sanctity. Instead of probing these irregularities, the Syndicate has decided to seek action against me by misusing the Registrar's office," he said.

Chandrashekar pointed out that Registrar Savitha has been on a 10-day leave since May 7 and stated that, in her absence, Finance Officer Manjunath could only oversee routine administration and was not empowered to make decisions on important matters.

He further alleged that Manjunath, acting on the instructions of the Vice-Chancellor, had issued a press release on May 7 without proper authority.

Chandrashekar also claimed that the Registrar herself had clarified to sections of the media that she had not authorised the release of any such statement.

Describing the move as arbitrary, Chandrashekar said the unilateral action amounted to misuse of the identity and office of a senior University official.

Unidentified man dies

Mysuru, May 9- A 56-year old unidentified man, who was found lying sick on Irwin Road footpath recently and admitted to K.R. Hospital, died after failing to respond to treatment.

The man is about 56 years old, Wheatish in complexion, lean built and wore a Blue coloured Gown. There is an old wound mark on his left forehead and has a Black coloured tattoo on his right forehand.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Augur

Pronunciation: AW-gur (verb)
Meaning: To augur is to show or suggest, especially from omens, that something might happen in the future. Used most often in formal speech or writing, augur is often followed by an adverb, such as well.
Origin: In ancient Rome, augurs were official diviners whose function it was to divine whether the gods approved of a proposed undertaking, such as a military move. They did so by various means, among them observing the behaviour of birds and examining the entrails of sacrificed animals. We doubt the Romans predicted that their verb augurāre, meaning "to foretell by augury," would evolve into an English verb meaning "presage or foretell," but in retrospect, augur's path must have been in the stars.
Example: "Last March, almost exactly two decades after his ghost church appeared at Whitney, [Banks] Violette put another destroyed structure on display: the canopy of an abandoned gas station split in half. ... This wreckage could only augur doom." — Rachel Wetzler, Artforum, 1 Feb. 2026

THE ODD WORD

Aboulia

Loss of ability to make decisions.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Prick up your ears

Meaning: The expression "Prick up your ears" is used to describe listening carefully to something that is being said or that is happening around you.
Origin: "Prick up your ears" originates from 17th century, drawing on the literal, anatomical action of animals like dogs and horses lifting their ears to better hear distant or interesting sounds. It became a metaphor for humans suddenly listening attentively, appearing in English usage as early as 1500s.
Example: "Prick up your ears, because I'm about to tell you what to study for the final exam."

QUOTE BOX

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

—Aristotle Onassis

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Long time no see.

SUDOKU

		2	3	6	5			
		1	2					
	5							6
	1		9		6	3		
8		3				6		5
		4	8		2		7	
9							6	
					3	7		
			7	9	8	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	9	4	7	5	2	6	8
8	6	5	2	3	1	9	7	4
2	4	7	6	8	9	1	5	3
4	9	8	5	2	7	3	1	6
1	5	3	8	6	4	7	9	2
7	2	6	1	9	3	8	4	5
6	3	1	9	5	2	4	8	7
5	7	4	3	1	8	6	2	9
9	8	2	7	4	6	5	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

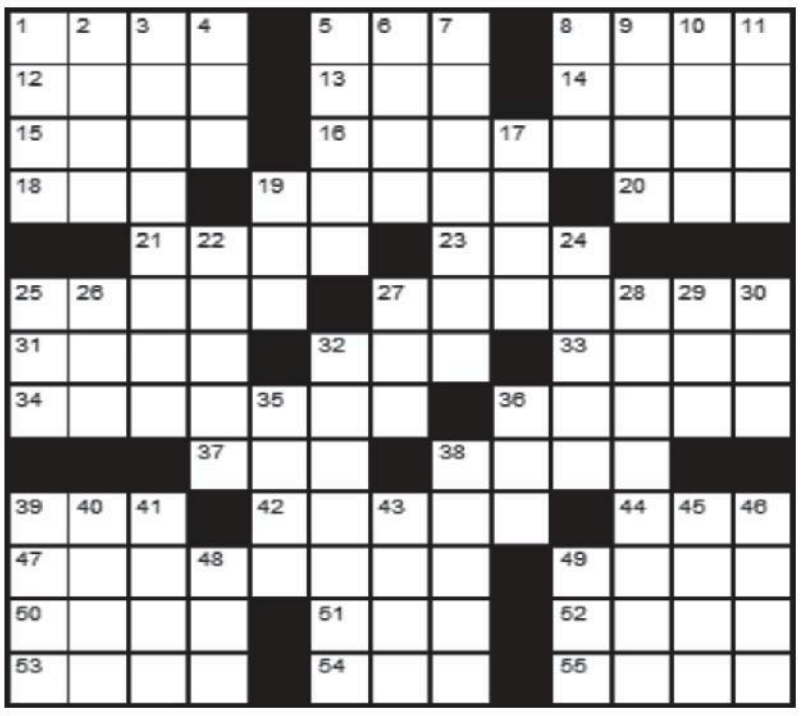
1 Lively jumping dances
5 Measures used by printers
8 Some parents
12 Cry of grief
13 All's fish that comes to this?
14 Shrek for one
15 Disturb or irk
16 Jam-filled bun?
18 Milieu for a ewe
19 Boisterous
20 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
21 Masticate
23 Bother
25 Rise? (3,2)
27 Kind of harp
31 Moslem leader
32 CIA formerly
33 Money put in the kitty by gamblers
34 Germ
36 Japanese dish
37 So far
38 Church part
39 Atomic mass unit
42 Distasteful
44 Corp. bigwig
47 Gives up
49 Sanjay or Sunil of Bollywood
50 Judge in a Muslim country?
51 Maiden name prefix
52 "E" in Q.E.D. ?
53 Cigarette end
54 Mineral spring resort
55 Prohibition

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

L	O	O	P	■	B	E	N	■	T	R	E	K
P	U	R	I	■	A	L	E	■	H	E	L	I
S	I	D	E	S	H	O	W	■	R	A	I	L
■	■	■	R	U	T	■	W	O	O	D	E	N
A	C	O	R	N	■	L	O	B	B	Y	■	■
G	L	U	E	■	H	E	R	E	■	M	A	R
R	O	T	■	L	O	W	L	Y	■	A	I	A
A	D	S	■	E	N	I	D	■	A	D	D	S
■	■	K	N	E	E	S	■	S	L	E	E	P
F	R	I	A	R	Y	■	I	L	L	■	■	■
L	A	R	D	■	D	A	N	S	E	U	S	E
A	N	T	I	■	E	S	K	■	Y	A	P	S
P	I	S	A	■	W	A	Y	■	S	E	A	T

DOWN

1 Medieval Scandinavian chieftain
2 Tennis star Nastase
3 Inconceivably large
4 U-turn from NNW
5 Provide with
6 Siamese cry?
7 Examines
8 Note of the musical scale
9 Hindu god of fire
10 Percussion instrument
11 Coarse stiff hair
17 A Greek sandwich
19 Agent
22 Make haste
24 Popular German name - "Sulak" anagram?
25 Precious stone
26 Loan instalment
27 Suffix for enzymes
28 Lacking confidence
29 Greek capital to Air India
30 Indonesia's earlier name
32 Acquires
35 Prefix for wine
36 Watch, observe, or inquire secretly
38 Not on land - and confused! (2,3)
39 Automatic Flight Control Sys.
40 Protective ditch
41 Pakistani language
43 Stride
45 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
46 Palindromic boy
48 Lie
49 Cricket legend Kapil ___



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HREHVY RDMI DB UKI SJRDIYU KXSYI XB UKI YUCIIU

– UKIB VXS TXB'U KHMI UX RXXN HU DU.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS U

Thursday's Cryptoquip: Most managers were trained to be the thing they most despise — bureaucrats.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Shastri -2005 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Patriot (Ma) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

Michael (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm 7.15 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Dhruti (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-4) 10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 4.45 pm
29 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	(S-3)	11.20 am; (S-4) 1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.25 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm 4.40 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.05 am, 11 am, 12.45 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.35 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.10 am, 12.45 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	11 am, 7.45 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	1.35 pm, 7.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	1.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.20 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	5.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	6.45 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10 am, 6.35 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.20 am, 11.35 am, 1.15 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.05 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
29 (Ta)	:	12.25 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	1 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	3.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 9)

- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-931,' story-telling by Usha Raghavan, Kannada teacher, Mysore West Lions Sevanikethana School, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Kala Samvahana Trust:** Mysuru Sitar Sambhrama-2026, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa presides, Chinmaya Mission's Swami Krutatmananda graces the occasion, Legendary Singer-Composer H.R. Leelavathi and Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy chief guests, vocalist *Padma Shri* Pt. Venkatesh Kumar, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V. N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Trust President Rajeshwari Vastrad and acclaimed Sitarist Dr. Mohasin Khan will be present; vocal recital by Pt. Venkatesh Kumar; grand sitar ensemble by Sitar Sinchana, Mysuru, Sitar recital by Ustad Mohasin Khan, accompanied by Ustad Nisar Ahmed, Pt. Keshav Joshi and Charudath Maharaj on tabla, Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Pt. Chinmay Namannavar on violin, Rudresh Bhajantri on shehnai, Manu Rao on keyboard and Sujayeendra Rao on rhythm pad, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **The Mysore Music Association and Rotary Mysore:** Grand Karnatak Classical Music Concert, vocal recital by Vid. Mysore N. Srinath, accompanied by Thirunellur Ajith Kumar on violin, Kaushik Sridhar on mridanga and Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata, Rotary English Medium School, Dattagalli, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Seshadripuram Institute of Technology (SIT), Mysuru and Seshadripuram Educational Trust:** Seshotsava 2026-"Sitara: The Pulse of Innovation", the Annual Intercollegiate Fest, Renowned Kannada actress and model Shwetha Koglur chief guest. Nadoja Dr. Woodey P. Krishna, Honorary General Secretary, Seshadripuram Educational Trust presides, SIT Campus, Kadakola Industrial Area, **5.30 pm.**
- **Brahmavidya and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM):** 'Shatamana RaSa', prelude to the birth centenary of *Padma Shri Mahamahopadhyaya* Dr. R. Sathyanarayana and Indian Musicology Day, Dr. Ahalaya Sharma, Karnataka State Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor will inaugurate; Dr. Vijay Shankar Shukla, former Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Varanasi; Krishnadevaraya, Titular Head of Anegondi Royal Family; Savitha Sulugodu, SVYM CEO; G. Madhusudhan, former MLC; T.S. Subramanya, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director chief guests; Veena Maestro Prof. R. Visweswaran presides, *Natyaguru* Dr. Aloka Kanungo, Vid. Srikantham Nagendra Shastri, Vid. Madhukaram Prashanth Iyengar and Kanakaraju special invitees, RaSa Sangeetha Goshti and felicitation to eminent personalities, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**
- **Amrutha Varshini, A shower of Immortal Melody:** Live in concert by Dr. Vidyabhushana, accompanists — Vid. C.R. Pradesh on voilin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankar on mridanga, Vid. Gurumurthy Vaidya on tabla and Vid. Prasanna on rhythm pad, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Mahamedhanandaji speaks on 'Living at the Source — Yoga teachings of Vivekananda' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada:** 'Science Sanje,' talk on 'Dementia' in Kannada by Dr. Latha Diwakar, Principal Scientific-Officer, Centre for Brain Research, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 10)

- **Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE):** 'Open Day' for students aspiring to join engineering courses, Sahukar Chennaiah auditorium, VVCE Campus, Gokulam, **10 am.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Susangha Basava Balaga:** Basava Jayanti celebrations, Sri Gurushantha Swamiji of Kuderu Mutt graces the occasion, Kuderu Mutt President Dr. Sri Sharathchandra Swamiji presides, senior writer S. Shivarajappa delivers lecture on 'Basavanna's life and achievements,' SNS School, Alanahalli, **10.30 am.**
- **Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Co-operative Society:** Expo-cum-sale of natural colour pure cotton handloom products, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Public Meeting to enable citizens and officials from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) to discuss on drinking water connections, Mustafa, AEE, Water Supply & UGD West 1 Sub-Division & S.L. Ravikumar, AEE, Water Supply & UGD East 3 Sub-Division, will take part, MGP Office, 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**
- **Surabhi Gana Kalamandira:** State-level Young Artistes Talent Show, senior Sangeetha Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala and BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary Vasudev Bhat special invitees; Karnatak Classical Music Concert by Vidu. M.K. Tejasvini (vocal), Vid. Mathur Srinidhi (violin), Vid. N.K. Shashibhushan (mridanga) and Vid. Prajwal Bharadwaj (mridanga), BSS Vidyodaya, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvadarshanananda speaks on 'Santa Shreshtaru' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam:** 35th year Brahma Rathotsava of Sri Krishna Temple and Silver Jubilee of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, grand solo dance 'Kshaatra Draupadi - A Tale of the Warrior Princess' by noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy in memory of late Janaki Alwar, it will be followed by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha Lifetime Achievement Award presentation to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy guest of honour, Trust President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.50 am, 11.40 am, 1.45 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.35, 10.30 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.55 am, 2.35 pm, 5.10 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	1.35 pm, 7.35 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10 pm
Dhruti (K)	:	5.25 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	7.35 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm
		7.35 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation D (K)	:	11 am
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.40 am, 2.15 pm
		4.50 pm, 7.25 pm, 10 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	12.55 pm, 6.25 pm
29 (Ta)	:	2.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	5.10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Angam Attahaasam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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